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E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, TW  
SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF SAFED AGREEMENT

1. AT SOCIAL FUNCTION MAY 12 VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CH'EN FU INFORMED CHARGE THAT MOFA HAD BEEN "LOOKING INTO" OUR NOTE ON SAFED AGREEMENT. HE DOUBTED GROG COULD ARRANGE MEETING DURING MAY AND WANTED TO KNOW, BEFORE GIVING US FORMAL RESPONSE, WHETHER WE WOULD INSIST ON MEETING WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF DELIVERY OF OUR NOTE. I SUGGESTED HE JUST GIVE US A DATE WHICH I WOULD REPORT TO WASHINGTON WITH REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS.
2. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT MOFA MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY PICKING A DATE WITHOUT KNOWING IN ADVANCE WHAT PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT WE WISHED TO REVIEW. IF IT WAS TO BE GENERAL REVIEW OF ENTIRE AGREEMENT, THEY WOULD HAVE TO FIND DATE CONVENIENT FOR THE MANY EXPERTS ON THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE AGREEMENT WHO WOULD HAVE TO ATTEND MEETING.
3. CH'EN IS PLAYING GAMES. HE KNOWS WE ARE ABOUT TO

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TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT AND IS STALLING TO PREVENT US FROM DOING SO IN MIDST OF SPECULATION ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF BRZEZINSKI TRIP AND ICA CLOSINGS. APPARENTLY HE ALSO GUESSED (CORRECTLY) THAT I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SAY WHAT PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW WAS. HE IS THEREFORE IN POSITION TO PRETEND HE HAS TAKEN OUR REQUEST AT FACE VALUE AND TO SET UP LARGE MEETING AT WHICH WE

WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO SAY EXCEPT THAT WE ARE TERMINATING. THAT ANNOUNCEMENT, OF COURSE, WOULD THEN BE GREETED WITH FEIGNED SHOCK AND DISBELIEF THAT WE ARE BEGINNING TO CUT ECONOMIC TIES.

4. TO BLOCK THIS DELAYING TACTIC AND SLOW DOWN WHAT LOOKS LIKE ROC PROPAGANDA STRATEGY OF CHARGING THAT WE SAY ONE THING (THAT WE INTEND TO PRESERVE PRACTICAL TIES) BUT DO ANOTHER (REDUCE CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC LINKS) RECOMMEND I BE AUTHORIZED TO TELL MOFA THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR LARGE MEETING OR FOR POSTPONEMENT UNTIL JUNE BECAUSE OUR PURPOSE IS SIMPLY TO TERMINATE. I WOULD THEN PROPOSE TO EXPLAIN WHY (THE AGREEMENT IS AN ANACHRONISM) AND EMPHASIZE THAT WHILE IT REMAINS U.S. POLICY TO PRESERVE ESSENTIAL ECONOMIC TIES, SAFED IS NOT ONE OF THEM. I WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO PRESS INQUIRIES ALONG SIMILAR LINES.

5. IF ASKED BY GROC OR PRESS WHETHER OUR DECISION RELATED TO NORMALIZATION, RECOMMEND WE REPLY THAT WE WOULD BE TERMINATING AGREEMENT EVEN IF NORMALIZATION WERE NOT OUR POLICY. REPETITION OF CRYPTIC RESPONSE THAT "ALL FACTORS WERE CONSIDERED" WOULD, IN MY JUDGMENT, PLAY INTO GROC'S HANDS ENABLING THEM TO CHARGE THAT OUR ASSURANCES RE WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE OF TAIWAN ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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WORTHLESS AND THAT USG IS CLEARLY PREPARED TO CUT WHATEVER LINKS IT BELIEVES IT MUST IN ORDER TO GET NORMALIZATION. SULLIVAN

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